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Applicants : David Stern, et al.
U.S. Serial No.: 08/905,709 Examiner: E. Lazar-Wesley
Filed : August 5, 1997 Group Art Unit: 1646
For : A METHOD TO PREVENT ACCELERATED
ATHEROSCLEROSIS USING (sRAGE) SOLUBLE RECEPTOR
FOR ADVANCED GLYCATION ENDPRODUCTS

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF
TIME AS A SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed as a submission with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 23, 2002, making an Appeal Brief due December 23, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for filing an Appeal Brief. The fee for a three-month extension is FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$465.00). A check for a total amount of EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$840.00) is enclosed, which amount includes the \$465.00 extension fee and the \$375.00 RCE filing fee. An Appeal Brief is now due March 23, 2003. However, since March 23, 2003 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, March 24, 2003, is considered timely. Accordingly, this application is presently pending, and this Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying RCE papers are being timely filed.

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